

[English]

Vacant Posts for Scheduled Tribe

976. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts vacant under various categories in his ministry/department, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to clear the said backlog;

(c) whether other persons are working on the posts in place of posts reserved for ST's;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and designation-wise; and

(e) the concrete steps taken to clear the entire backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) A *statement* giving the number of Posts in different Groups reserved for Scheduled Tribes, lying vacant, is enclosed.

Even at the time of filling up the vacant posts, all efforts are made to fulfil the quota prescribed for the Scheduled Tribes. However, if suitable candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes are not available, the reservations are usually carried forward to the subsequent recruitment years in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Government. Posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes are not filled up by other persons unless they are deserved first as per the prescribed procedure. Besides, where the method of recruitment is direct recruitment, dereservation of posts is not permissible.

Statement

| Sl. No. | Category of post | Total no. of posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes lying vacant at present | Steps taken to clear the backlog |
|---------|------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Group 'A' | — | Reservation Policy in respect of Group 'A' posts is implemented by the Department of Personnel & Training. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----|--------------------------|----|--|
| 2. | Group 'B' (Gazetted) | 15 | Vacancies have been reported to the Department of Personnel & Training; they in turn report these vacancies to the Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission, wherever necessary. |
| 3. | Group 'B' (Non gazetted) | 29 | |
| 4. | Group 'C' | 37 | |
| 5. | Group 'D' | 21 | These posts are filled up by direct recruitment from amongst candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange. The recruitment process has already begun. |

Note:—There are no state-wise quotas in respect of the posts in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

[Translation]

Environmental Awareness

977. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce any new Action Plan to create public awareness in the field of environment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZI) : (a) and (b) Several schemes such as National Environment Awareness Campaign, Paryavaran Vhini, Eco-Clubs, etc. are already being implemented for creation of environmental awareness amongst general public. The Ministry is going to launch a vigorous public awareness programme for eradicating pollution, the details of which are being worked out.

[English]

Paddy Procurement Centres

978. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paddy procurement centres set up by the Food Corporation of India at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up such more centres in the States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) A *statement* showing State-wise number of paddy purchase centres/mandies operated by Food Corporation of India during current 1996-97 Kharif Marketing Season is enclosed.

(b) No, Sir, there is no Proposal to set up more purchase centres during the Kharif Marketing Season 1996-97.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

*State-wise Number of Paddy Purchase Centres
Operated by FCI During 1996-97
Kharif Marketing Season*

| S. No. | State | No. of Centres (Provisional) |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Punjab | 395 |
| 2. | Haryana | 140 |
| 3. | U.P. | 43 |
| 4. | Delhi | 4 |
| 5. | Rajasthan | 12 |
| 6. | Andhra Pradesh | 252 |
| 7. | Madhya Pradesh | — |
| 8. | West Bengal | 58 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 17 |
| 10. | Pondicherry | 2 |
| 11. | Arunachal Pradesh | 2 |
| 12. | Bihar | 74 |
| 13. | Orissa | 38 |
| 14. | H.P. | 9 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | — |
| Total: | | 1046 |

[*Translation*]

Arrest of Women

979. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the established norms and procedure to arrest women at night in the Country;

(b) whether the Government propose to make any amendments in the Cr. P.C. to stop the arrest of women at night; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be made and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAOBOOL DAR) : (a) Arrest of persons is governed by Chapter V of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973. No separate norms and procedures are prescribed in the Cr. P.C. for arresting women at night.

(b) Vide sub-clause (b) of clause 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 as introduced in the Rajya Sabha, it has been provided that no woman shall be arrested after sun set and before sun rise save in exceptional circumstances.

(c) It would not be possible at this stage to indicate the time by which the Bill be passed by both Houses of Parliament.

Decline in Agricultural Production due to Abnormal Monsoon

980. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department has warned the Government about the possibility of decline in the agricultural production due to abnormal monsoon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also taken any speedy and long term measures keeping in view the warning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?